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 Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre
 Apr 21, 2013 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM

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 RACV City Club
 May 14, 2013 - May 15, 2013

Rotary Engaged – the 2013 Assembly
 Tabcorp Park
 May 19, 2013 09:15 AM

McAuley House working bee
 McAuley House
 May 25, 2013 09:00 AM - 12:00

Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV Club
 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

DUTY ROSTER - 23 APRIL 2013

Chairperson	Robin Stevens
Sergeant	Micheal Bromby
Greeter	
Reporter	Roger Thornton
Photographer	Allan Driver
Door	Anne King
Director Report	Darren Park

GUEST SPEAKER - 23 APRIL 2013 – Squadron Leader Hugh Dolan



Gallipoli From Above

When Australian troops stormed ashore in the pre-dawn darkness of 25th April 1915, it was the culmination of one of the most complex and daunting operations in the history of warfare – the seaborne assault of a heavily fortified shore, defended by a well-prepared enemy.

The risks were enormous and the death toll on the beach at Anzac Cove could have been murderous, as it was with the British landings farther south. Yet the Anzacs had been allowed to organise their own assault and the ingenuity, intelligence gathering and willingness to do the unorthodox allowed them to seize a foothold and fulfil the task they had been set by their commanders.

All too often the scale of that task and the successful way the Anzacs approached it have been overshadowed by events later in the campaign.

Hugh Dolan, an intelligence officer in the Australian military, has minutely re-examined the assault itself, giving us a day-by-day account of the build-up to the landing that shows a very different side to the Gallipoli story. Using a host of previously unpublished material and research, he has produced a riveting work of narrative history that sheds a fresh light on the original Anzacs.

Hugh has written a number of books on Gallipoli and will be bringing copies with him on the morning.

PM

Changeover Dinner
Athenaeum Club
Jun 28, 2013 07:00 PM - 11:30
PM

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MEETING REPORT, APRIL 16



Marj Gerlinger, Yanpu Zhang and President Kay share a joke

Reporter: Bruce Heron

The chair of the day was Yanpu Zhang. President Kay introduced Yanpu, and welcomed visitors John Price and Patrick Barry (both of whom was also attended our previous meeting), together with our guest speaker, Mr. Gary Liddle, CEO of Vic Roads.

Announcements:

These came from ...

- Robin Stevens, who advised that the next McAuley House working bee will be on [Saturday, May 25, 9:00am to 12:00pm](#). This will be the second major working bee for the 2012-13 Rotary year. Robin informed members that we will be establishing a new garden area (including planting of shrubs) as well as a granitic sand area at the rear on the western side of the McAuley House property, laying some additional pavers in the chapel garden on Flemington Road (to better accommodate the newly-delivered outside furniture), repairing a short section of fence, and also top-dressing other granitic sand areas. Robin requested members able to participate to please bring shovels, rakes, etc., wear working clothes and bring their own work gloves.
- Doug Robertson informed members that the date of the District 9800 Assembly will now be on Sunday 19th May'13 at Baden Powell College, 81 Baden Powell Drive, Tarneit. (Werribee). Doug also reminded members of our Club's working bee at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre this Sunday, from 9am to 1pm (including morning tea and a light lunch). Currently, we have a dozen people signed up and could do with a few more. All you need is some working clothes and a pair of gardening gloves. And finally, Doug also advised that RCCM's changeover dinner is on Friday 28th June from 6pm.
- Neil Salvano thanked members for their expressions of sympathy on the passing of his mother.
- Frank O'Brien advised that the DIK working bee event scheduled originally for next month 11th May, has been deferred. He further reported that Cafe International will be holding an event on Saturday 4th May.

Committee Reports:

- Roger Thornton provided an overview of the Paul Harris Society, which is a district-administered recognition of friends of the Rotary Foundation. Membership is open to those who make a contribution of \$1,000 per annum to the Foundation (members can make easy monthly contributions instead). Contributions count towards Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and are 100% tax deductible. District 9800 Paul Harris Society was founded in 2007 and now has 57 members, including 4 from RCCMS. Funds all go to support Foundation programs, with all administrative costs being met out of interest income, ensuring that 100% of contributions go to the programs sponsored by the Society. Such programs are designed to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, supporting education and alleviating poverty. These programs are assisted via both District and Global grants.

President's Announcements:

- President Kay was pleased to announce that last week's Special Breakfast raised \$1515
- Richard Mitchell is currently recuperating at home following three operations on his leg. We wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime, President Kay has undertaken to be the Club's Almoner.
- Frank O'Brien was congratulated on grandchild No.2 (Annabelle), and grandchild No.3 was also expected any moment.
- Another RCCMS article by Alan Seale (que?) has been successfully published in Networker on our RYPEN camp achievement

- President Kay encouraged members to check RCCM's website for further details of upcoming events.

Job Talk – Robin Stevens:

Robin spoke of his role in a professional academic capacity for many years, as an advocate for music education. A brief précis of his contributions includes:

- 2002-03 – Robin had an opportunity to undertake research into “Trends in school music education provision” for the Music Council of Australia
- 2004-05 – Robin was a member of the Steering Committee for the Australian Government's *National Review of School Music Education* project
- 2005 – publication of the 279 page Report of the National Review of School Music Education ... effectively a blueprint for the future development of music education in Australia
- 2006 – one of the outcomes from the *NRSME* project was a National Music Workshop for music educators (held August 27-28) – Robin was a member of Organising Committee
- 2006-09 – another outcome was the appointment of the Australian Government's Music Education Advisory Group (under the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations) – Robin was initially a member and then chair
- since 2007 – member of the Victorian School Music Action Group
 - o On-going lobbying of the Victorian Government to improve music education in government schools
 - o Input to current the Parliament of Victoria's Education and Training Committee Inquiry into “The Extent, Benefits and Potential of Music Education in Victorian Schools”

Robin prompted the question - Why teach music in schools?

- Some reasons supported by research findings ...
- Everyone has musical ability
- Playing music increases memory and reasoning capacity, time management skills and eloquence
- Playing music improves concentration, memory and self expression
- Playing music improves the ability to think
- Music training improves verbal memory
- Music students are more likely to be good citizens
- Learning music helps under-performing students to improve their school achievement ... particularly in numeracy and literacy
- Music assists in the development of social skills
- Music promotes creativity
- At risk and disadvantaged students benefit from music participation.

Sergeant (Bernie Gerlinger):

- Herb Seewang was fined for his upcoming birthday. Congratulations in advance Herb!

Guest Speaker – Mr. Gary Liddle, CEO of VicRoads talking on the VicRoads Centenary.



In 2013 VicRoads will celebrate its 100th birthday with a range of activities being run across Victoria.

VicRoads supports Victoria's liveability and economic prosperity by planning, developing and managing the arterial road network and delivering registration and licensing services. Its key role is to help provide Victorians with safe and easy connections to the people and places that matter most to them.

VicRoads manages over 22,000 kilometres of roads and 3,133 bridges. It processes more than 22 million transactions a year for 3.7 million licensed drivers and 4.9 million registered vehicles. These road, registration and licensing services are delivered by around 3,000 staff through a network of more than 50 offices located across the state.

Gary Liddle started his career as a civil engineering cadet with the Country Roads Board (now VicRoads). He was appointed Chief Executive in 2007 and has over 40 years of experience with the organisation.

Under Gary's leadership, VicRoads is tackling the challenges of an ever changing transport landscape head on, moving people around Victoria in ways which are socially, environmentally and economically sustainable.

Gary spoke about the history of Vic Roads in its various guises over the last century, breaking its history broadly into 20-year intervals. Some highlights and major developments included:

- 1913 – 1930
 - o Established in 1913 as the Country Roads Board (CRB)
 - o World War I
 - o Development of the Roads Act
 - o A rapid rise in motor vehicle registrations
- 1930 – 1950:
 - o Transport Regulation Board formed in 1933
 - o Victoria's first traffic lights installed
 - o Line markings for the first time
 - o World War II
 - o An increase in mobile plant & machinery
 - o Vicroads invests in its own research capability
- 1950 – 1970:
 - o 1956 – Traffic Commission formed to address road safety issues
 - o Post-war shortage of funds and labour resources
 - o Investment in pre-casting yards
 - o Several rail strikes
 - o Duplication of Princes Highway West
 - o South Eastern Freeway
 - o Tullamarine Bypass
 - o Westgate Bridge collapses
- 1970 – 1990:
 - o 1970 – Traffic Commission replaced by Road Safety and Traffic Authority
 - o 1983 - CRB changed its name to Road Construction Authority (RCA) and RSTA became the Road Traffic Authority (RTA)
 - o Victoria takes the lead across the world in road safety (in 2013 now ranked 12th)
 - o Seat belts become compulsory
 - o Red-light cameras installed
 - o Computer controlled traffic system
 - o Opening of Westgate Bridge
 - o Hume Highway
 - o Duplication of Western Highway
 - o Vic Roads formed in 1989, combining RCA and RTA
- 1990 – Present:
 - o Western Ring Road
 - o Citilink
 - o 2012 record low fatalities of 282
 - o Arrive Alive strategy
 - o Golburn Valley freeway opens
 - o Calder Highway to Bendigo opens
- Some significant characters throughout the organisation's history include William Calder (first Chairman of CRB), John Shaw Nielsen (labourer and poet), Caleb Roberts

(engineer & former intelligence officer in WWII – became chairman of CRB)

· Fascinating photo display, Images are available from VicRoads archives on [Pinterest](#) and [HistoryPin](#) for you to enjoy (<http://pinterest.com/vicroads/>)

Gary's presentation was of great interest and prompted several questions from members.

Richard Bowen made the observation that the work around Tullamarine freeway had taken a long time to complete. Gary advised that an extra lane and several improvements such as overhead traffic control, and installation of 6km of new safety barriers from English Street to Sunbury Road were being added. Richard Stone asked about progress with the ring roads around Melbourne. Gary advised that the M80 Ring Road Upgrade will improve the 38km Western and Metropolitan Ring Roads, from the Princes Freeway at Laverton North to the Greensborough Highway at Greensborough. But completion of the ring roads could take as much as 10 years.

Allan Driver commented on the condition of roads in the SE Gippsland areas and asked about VicRoads maintenance plans. Gary advised that the adverse weather conditions in past years, first with drought and then heavy flooding, and weakened road surfaces. He informed members that road-related revenues such as motor vehicle registrations was paid into the State Government's consolidated fund, and that there was no direct link between such road revenue and budget allocations for road maintenance.

· Reporter: Bruce Heron | Editor: Tony Thomas

ROTARY'S COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Delegates from Rotary's 532 districts will gather in downtown Chicago next week, 21-26 April, to consider changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs.

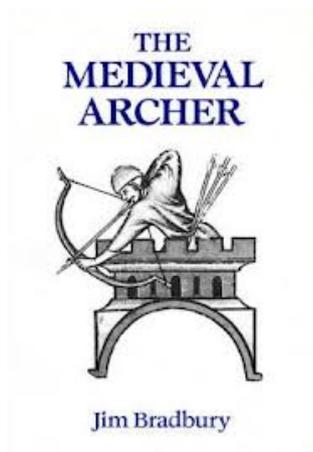
The Council on Legislation meets every three years to debate proposals submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors.

Below is a brief list of some of the more notable Councils:

- The 1980 Council on Legislation supported Rotary's efforts to immunize children against polio. A year earlier, the RI Board had approved the first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) grant, funding a five-year effort to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines against polio. The effort eventually led to the PolioPlus program, launched in 1985. Realizing such a commitment would require the collective will of Rotarians everywhere, the Board proposed, and the 1986 Council adopted, a resolution endorsing Rotary's commitment to immunizing the world's children against polio. Subsequent Councils have continued to support polio eradication as Rotary's top priority.
- The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. It followed a decades-long effort from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women, including several close votes at previous Council meetings.
- The 1950 Council is remembered for adopting "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" (later reworded "One Profits Most Who Serves Best") as Rotary mottoes.

The 2001 Council is often noted for the amount of legislation received -- more than 1,000 proposals -- with over 600 being published and considered by the delegates.

Tribute to a Head Honcho



In the New Generations committee, we normally refer to leader Mik Wells as 'Sir', or, informally, as 'Head Honcho'.

But what is the origin of 'honcho'? Is it (a) Mexican (b) Portuguese or (c) Japanese?

Answer: Japanese. It was brought back to the US by post-war servicemen. In Japanese it means 'Squad leader' from 'han' = (Chinese) squad, and (Chinese) 'cho' = Chief.

Other curiosities:

In 1945 a computer at Harvard malfunctioned and Grace Hopper, who was working on the computer, investigated, found a moth in one of the circuits and removed it. Ever since, when something goes wrong with a computer, it is said to have a bug in it.

"Ough" can be pronounced in eight different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough, coughing and hiccoughing thoughtfully."

"Second string," meaning "replacement or backup," comes from the middle ages. An archer always carried a second string in case the one on his bow broke.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

INCREDIBLY USEFUL ADVICE

A technologically advanced member was continually annoyed by rented DVD movies that spluttered mid-way to a halt in a forest of random pixels, always at the most exciting point of the plot. Sometimes he could fix the problem by busily fast-forwarding, making the DVD jump past the e-obstacle point.

When this didn't work, his inspiration was to extract the DVD, bring out his wife's bottle of Spray And Wipe, and give the shiny side a good drenching. Then he scrubbed off the Spray and Wipe with a bunch of Kleenex.

Since first trying this, he has found in 9 cases out of 10, the DVD will play properly. It seems that dried dirt, fingerprints, small scratches etc are what causes the DVD to stall, and the blast of Spray and Wipe dislodges all the crud.

File this item under "Making a better world".